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Taku Canning & Cold Storage Co.,
504 Maynard Building,
Seattle, Wash.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your report of fishery operations at Taku Harbor, Alaska, in 1917, it is noted that you have not included any wages as paid to fishermen, but you explain this omission by saying that the fishermen were "working for themselves." This reference is presumed to mean that you purchased the fish. If that was the case, ought not the purchase price to be indicated and considered as wages paid? The Bureau holds that this should be done as the item is an important one which is properly included in fishery investments in Alaska.

Please advise at your early convenience as to the amount of money paid to fishermen for their catches.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Smith.

Commissioner.

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